

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION**

IN RE AEP STOCKHOLDER DERIVATIVE  
LITIGATION

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Master File No. 2:21-cv-00163

Judge Sarah D. Morrison  
Magistrate Judge Elizabeth P. Deavers

**ORDER**

Before the Court is the Motion for Leave to File Unredacted Memorandum in Opposition to Motion to Dismiss Under Seal. ([ECF No. 27](#).) In the Motion, Plaintiffs Esther Kogus and Robert L. Reese assert that their Opposition to Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss Amended Verified Shareholder Derivative Complaint, [ECF No. 26](#), “contains and refers to confidential American Electric Power Company, Inc. [“AEP”] board materials that were produced to Plaintiffs by AEP subject to a confidentiality agreement requiring that any court filings referencing the confidential material be filed under seal.” (*Id.*) Plaintiffs submit that this material “is substantially the same as that contained in Plaintiffs’ Amended Verified Shareholder Derivative Complaint, which the Court previously allowed to be filed under seal.” (*Id.*)

Based on Plaintiffs’ representations, the Court concludes that Plaintiffs’ Opposition to Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss Amended Verified Shareholder Derivative Complaint, [ECF No. 26](#), contains confidential information that should be shielded from public access. Accordingly, the Motion ([ECF No. 27](#)) is **GRANTED**. Plaintiffs shall file an unredacted version of their Opposition to Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss Amended Verified Shareholder Derivative Complaint ([ECF No. 26](#)) **UNDER SEAL** within **SEVEN (7) DAYS** of the date of this Order.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**Date: May 25, 2022**

**/s/ Elizabeth A. Preston Deavers**  
**ELIZABETH A. PRESTON DEAVERS**  
**UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**